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JAPAN.

Plague in Osaka, in June—A case of cholera in Hiogo.

KOBE, JAPAN, July 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report on the bubonic plague in Osaka and its neighborhood.

During the month of June there occurred 15 new cases spread uniformly over the month with 13 deaths.

A man living in a low quarter of Hiogo was attacked by cholera on 28th ultimo; he was removed at once to the isolation hospital. This is the first case of cholera in Kobe this year.

Respectfully,

J. BUCKWILL FOWLER,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

Plague, cholera, and dysentery.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, July 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that, since my report of June 30, but 1 case of plague has been returned from the affected district, viz, at Osaka, July 1.

A case of cholera is reported from Kobe, under date of June 30, but, in my opinion, its genuineness is doubtful.

The annual epidemic of dysentery seems to be either milder in type this season, or is, perhaps on account of unusually cool weather, later in appearing than has been common of late years.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.

The SURGEON-GENERAL, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MEXICO.

Further concerning escape of Italian immigrants at Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, July 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to affirm cable of this date as follows: "Thousand Italians imported here in May by railroad, have broken contract and scattered."

This cable was in reply to yours of same date in regard to Italians coming to Texas border to evade immigration laws.

In April and May of this year there were about 1,000 Italians imported to this port by the Vera Cruz and Pacific Railroad to work on construction. For some reason the Italians would not go to work and they returned here and were a charge on the municipality. Upon investigation it was decided that the Italians had no grounds for the strike and the city government refused further assistance. Since then they have been leaving the town, some to Havana, some to Spain, and others to different places in the Republic. A few have left for New York, but there are about 200 left here in town.

So far, those that have gone to United States and Cuban ports have complied with the quarantine and immigration laws. I can get no information in regard to the immigration across the Texas border, but I have reasons to believe that the immigration laws are evaded by the Chinese along the Mexican border, and there is no reason why the Italians could not go the same route.

Respectfully,

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